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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED DECEMBER 8, 2005

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Docket No. : 1856-42900 (9575.A-01)

Date: January 6, 2006

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Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated December 8, 2005, in which the Examiner entered a Restriction Requirement for original Claims 1-21. The Restriction Groups were set out as follows:

Group I. 1-16 drawn to a reactor and a mixing device;

Group II. 17-21 drawn to a process for making synthesis gas.

Election without Traverse

With this Response, Applicant elects to prosecute without traverse the claims of Group I (Claims 1-16). Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these non-elected Claims 17-21 of Group II in a later continuation application.

In addition, upon allowance of any reactor claim (e.g., Claims 1 through 8) or allowance of any mixing device claim (e.g., Claims 9 through 16), Applicant respectfully reserves the right

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to rejoin some or all of the process claims for making synthesis gas by submitting at a later time at least one claim covering such process using an allowable reactor and/or at least one claim covering such process using an allowable mixing device (see MPEP § 821.04).

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-21 are currently pending. Claims 1-16 are elected.

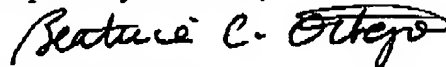
Conclusion

Applicant believes that they have fully responded to the Office Action. Applicant further believes that the pending claims are allowable. If resolution of any remaining issues pertaining to restriction groups and election may be facilitated by a telephone conference, or if the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be advantageous, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (281) 293-4751.

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Respectfully submitted,



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